

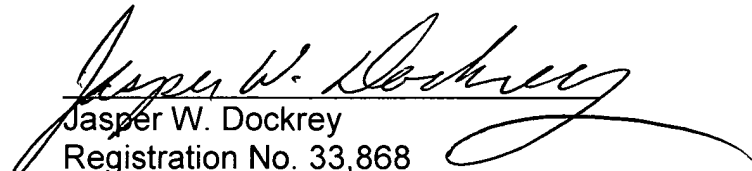
REMARKS

In an Office Action dated May 7, 2003, in the above-referenced case, the applicants' claims were subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121. The applicants' claims were further divided into Group I, including claims 1-16 as drawn to a magnetic sensing element, and to Group II, including claims 17-46 as drawn to a method of making a magnetic sensing element.

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I: claims 1-16 for prosecution. The applicants also cancel claims 17-46 without prejudice.

Having responded to the restriction requirement, the applicants respectfully request that there elected claims be examined and timely and favorable action be rendered on their pending application.

Respectfully submitted,


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